

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

George Gustaaf VELDHOFEN

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Application No. **NEW NATIONAL PHASE**

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Examiner

FASTENING DEVICE

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.